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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the aims and purposes of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, as enshrined in the Bangkok Declaration of 8 August 1967,[1] in particular the maintenance of close and beneficial cooperation with existing international and regional organizations with similar aims and purposes,

Recalling all previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations,[2]

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General,[3]

Noting with satisfaction that the activities of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Welcoming efforts to strengthen partnership between the United Nations and regional organizations, and in this context welcoming also efforts to strengthen cooperation between the United Nations system and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations,

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1331, No. 22341.
[2] Resolutions 57/35, 59/5, 61/46, 63/35 and 65/235.
[3] See A/67/280-S/2012/614, sect. II.

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Welcoming also the participation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the high-level meetings between the United Nations and regional organizations, as well as the collaboration between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to promote dialogue and cooperation among regional organizations in Asia and the Pacific,

Welcoming further the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an observer in the General Assembly,

Recalling the First, Second, Third and Fourth Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Summits, held in Bangkok on 12 February 2000, at United Nations Headquarters on 13 September 2005, in Hanoi on 29 October 2010, and in Bali, Indonesia, on 19 November 2011, respectively, and the commitment of leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to further broaden cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations,

1. *Welcomes* the entry into force on 15 December 2008 of the charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which represents a historic milestone for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, reflecting a common vision and commitment to the development of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations community so as to ensure a lasting peace, stability, sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and social progress in the region;

2. *Also welcomes* the adoption of the Bali Declaration on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community in a Global Community of Nations ("Bali Concord III") at the nineteenth Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit on 17 November 2011 in Bali, which will serve as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations common platform on global issues in addressing global challenges and seizing the opportunities of the twenty-first century;

3. *Recognizes* the commitment of the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to establish a partnership between the two organizations, as laid out in the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 27 September 2007, and in this connection, welcomes the adoption of the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations at the Fourth Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Summit on 19 November 2011 in Bali, with the purpose of further advancing and intensifying the level of cooperation, as well as strengthening the framework of cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations;

4. *Encourages* the United Nations to support the Association of Southeast Asian Nations undertakings in all three of its community-building pillars through appropriate and concrete steps, as outlined in the Cha-Am Hua Hin Declaration on the Road Map for an Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community (2009-2015);

5. *Commends* the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for their efforts to hold regular meetings, on an annual basis, with the presence of the Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, during the regular session of

the Assembly, with a view to further strengthening the cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

6. *Continues to encourage* the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to convene Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Summits regularly, and underlines the importance of the presence of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and heads of relevant United Nations departments, funds and programmes, and specialized agencies, and in this context welcomes the holding of the Fourth Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Summit and looks forward to convening the Fifth Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Summit;

7. *Recognizes* the value of comprehensive partnership between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in providing timely and effective responses to global issues of mutual concern, in the context of partnership between the United Nations and regional organizations, and thus encourages the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to explore concrete measures dedicated to expanding and deepening cooperation, particularly in the areas of peace and security, including the exchange of experiences and best practices on conflict resolution and post-conflict demining activities, economic and social development towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, food and energy security, sustainable development, disaster management and climate change, promotion of human rights and democracy, Association of Southeast Asian Nations connectivity and integration, preservation and development of Association of Southeast Asian Nations cultural diversity, and the Global Movement of Moderates, as reflected in the statement of the Co-Chairs of the Fourth Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Summit and the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations;

8. *Welcomes* the Association of Southeast Asian Nations initiative on the Global Movement of Moderates, which was endorsed by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations leaders at the eighteenth Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit, held in Jakarta in May 2011, as one of the positive contributions of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in shaping global development and advancing global peace by promoting the initiative in the relevant agenda of the United Nations, and in this context, welcomes the Association of Southeast Asian Nations concept paper on the Global Movement of Moderates, which was adopted by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations leaders at the twentieth Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit, held in Phnom Penh in April 2012;

9. *Also welcomes* the adoption by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations leaders of the Declaration on a Drug-Free Association of Southeast Asian Nations 2015, at the twentieth Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit, as a reflection of the continued commitment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to the realization of a drug-free Association of Southeast Asian Nations by 2015, with the member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations therefore reaffirming their commitment to working closely together to eradicate illicit drugs completely and to achieve an Association of Southeast Asian Nations drug-free zone;

10. *Further welcomes* the entry into force in 2011 of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Convention on Counter-Terrorism as a milestone in

enhancing the region's capacity to confront terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and to promote regional efforts in strengthening counter-terrorism cooperation;

11. *Acknowledges* the contribution of maritime security cooperation to Association of Southeast Asian Nations community-building and stresses the need to further strengthen such contributions, including through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Maritime Forum, in order to address related issues and challenges;

12. *Encourages* cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the field of human rights, particularly through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children, to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights, including the rights of women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities, as well as the rights of migrant workers in accordance with national laws, regulations and policies of member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the principles contained in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers;

13. *Also encourages* cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to ensure an effective response to and management of natural and anthropogenic disasters, including disaster risk reduction, through the operationalization of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management and implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response Work Programme for 2010-2015;

14. *Further encourages* the collaboration between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in research on peace, conflict management and conflict resolution, through exchanges of best practices and capacity-building of existing mechanisms or other institutions to be set up, such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Institute for Peace and Reconciliation;

15. *Encourages* effective cooperation between member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the appropriate United Nations organizations in the successful implementation of operational activities, in particular efforts to close economic development gaps by supporting the implementation of the Initiative for Association of Southeast Asian Nations Integration Workplan II and the Master Plan on Association of Southeast Asian Nations Connectivity;

16. *Reiterates* the commitment to further enhance close coordination and cooperation between the member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations on peacekeeping operations and encourages the active role played by various member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

17. *Also reiterates* the importance of maintaining peace, security and stability in the South-East Asia region and the world at large and that in this context, the signing of the Protocol to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty) and its related documents would mark another important milestone in the achievements of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations with

respect to ensuring that the South-East Asia region is free from nuclear weapon, and in this connection, encourages continued consultations between the States parties to the Bangkok Treaty[4] and the nuclear-weapon States in order to facilitate the signing of the Protocol and its related documents as early as possible;

18. *Further reiterates* the importance of enhancing regional security and cooperation to promote peace, stability and prosperity in the region and the world, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including the peaceful settlement of disputes, and international law;

19. *Takes note* of the efforts of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to hold meetings with other regional organizations at the sidelines of the sessions of the General Assembly to promote cooperation in support of multilateralism;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations".

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[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1981, No. 33873.